

From Deborah to Gideon (or should I say, “_____”? from 6:32)

5:31 tells us that following Deborah's judgeship, the land had rest for _____ years

6:1-24

1. Following 40 years of rest after Deborah's judgeship, Israel did what was _____ in the _____ of the Lord, so he gave them into the hands of the _____ who were allied with the _____ as well as the sons of the _____. The text says they were like _____ for number and that they would destroy the _____ and take or destroy all of the _____ as far as _____.

God sent a _____ amongst the Israelites who recounted their _____ of saving them from _____ & _____, but they still did not _____ God.

2. The _____ of the Lord appeared to Gideon as he was “beating out _____” in a wine-press in order to _____ it from the Midianites. The angel called Gideon a _____, and told him he was to deliver Israel from their enemies saying, “Have I not _____ you?”. Gideon objected, saying that his family was the _____ in Manasseh and that he was the _____ in his family. The angel said he would defeat Midian as _____ because he would be with him.
3. Gideon requested that he be allowed to make an _____ and also that the angel would show him a _____. When Gideon returned with a meal of goat meat, broth & unleavened bread, the angel touched the food with his _____. The meat & bread was immediately consumed by _____ and the angel _____. At that place, Gideon built an _____ and named it *Jahweh-shalom*, meaning “The _____ is _____”.

6:25-40

4. Now God instructs Gideon to _____ the altar of Baal belonging to his father and _____ down the Asherah beside it. Then he was to build a _____ altar over the old one and offer a _____ on it using the Asherah to make the _____.
5. When the men of the city discovered this, they wanted to _____ Gideon but his father _____ him saying that they should let _____ contend with him. This is why he named his son “_____ - _____”.
6. The enemies of Israel camped in the valley of _____. Then the _____ of the Lord came upon Gideon and he blew the _____ and assembled Israel for war.
7. Apparently needing some reassurance, Gideon asked God to show him a sign by using a _____ of wool. On the first night, the _____ was to be only on the fleece and not

on the ground. Reversing the order the second night, Gideon asked that the fleece be _____ and the ground around it be wet. This took place on his _____.
Without any _____, God complied with Gideon's requests.